

the song, they sang a German song; and the whole room joining in except for me singing that German song. I know of no town in this great land where it takes their heritage, their families, their community, their faith, their life, people's lives more seriously.

Therefore, I had high expectations when I attended a service for Aaron Rollins, a 17-year-old senior who had been shot by a 15-year-old freshman. But I was taken aback when I walked into this beautiful, modern church that seated over 1,000. For a town of less than 3,000 to have such a commitment to a building in and of itself shows their commitment to each other and their faith. But over 1,500 people came out for that service, students, parents, townspeople. The service lasted over 2 hours, 2 hours; but it flew by. Nearly the entire senior class lined up on either side of the aisle as honorary pall bearers. We saw looks of devastation comforted by a quiet faith on the faces of children who had never before experienced such a loss.

□ 2145

A large number of them were dressed in khaki slacks and skirts, black shirts and camouflage ties to honor Aaron's love of hunting.

But what allowed the gathering not to be overcome with grief was their deeply held belief that even though Aaron barely missed last weekend's duck hunting opener in Minnesota, he now had a new home where the ducks were probably even more plentiful.

But watching this family and how they coped with it and the grief that they felt was just overwhelming. They prayed for Seth Bartell who was also shot and remained in critical condition. But the part of the service that really blew me away, really elevated me further for my respect for the people of Cold Spring and really showed us the true spirit of love and life was when twice during the service the young man who shot Aaron and Seth was lifted up in prayer.

They prayed that that family who struggled to cope with tragedy, that the community show them the compassion and understanding that we want to see in this world.

I think Cold Spring indeed calls us to a higher level. If they can reach out for such compassion towards someone who has inflicted so much pain, how can we not reach out with an equal amount of compassion to those who have done no harm to anyone, the unborn?

That is why we gather here.

I encourage all my colleagues to vote for this ban of partial-birth abortion.

This city whose granite has built beautiful memorials on the Mall here in our Nation's Capital, they have shown us that their values are as solid as that granite. Let us follow their example.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. EVANS (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

Ms. ESHOO (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of a family illness.

Mr. HYDE (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today after 2:00 p.m. and the balance of the week on account of a surgical procedure.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DEFAZIO) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. DAVIS of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TOWNS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROHRBACHER, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. BORDALLO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1261. An act to reauthorize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S. 1680. An act to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on September 30, 2003 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 3146. To extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program, and certain tax and trade programs, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 48 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, October 2, 2003, at 10 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for speaker-authorized official travel during the second quarter of 2003, pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, RAVI SAWHNEY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 11 AND APR. 20, 2003

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Ravi Sawhney ³	4/11	4/20	India				2,418.00		1,154.00		3,573.00
Committee total							2,418.00		1,154.00		3,573.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Office of Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee.